

**CLAIMS**

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.     A lithographic system for an integrated circuit fabrication  
2 process, the lithographic system comprising:  
3                 a computer; and  
4                 a configurable mask or reticle coupled to the computer,  
5 wherein the configurable mask or reticle allows light to be transmitted in a  
6 pattern controlled by a control signal from the computer.
- 1           2.     The lithographic system of claim 1, wherein the configurable  
2 mask or reticle is an LCD or LED matrix.
- 1           3.     The lithographic system of claim 1 further comprising:  
2                 a database for providing image information associated with a  
3 device to be patterned on a wafer, the computer using the image  
4 information to generate the control signal.
- 1           4.     The lithographic system of claim 3, wherein the database is  
2 stored on a storage media.
- 1           5.     The lithographic system of claim 3, wherein the image  
2 information is related to transistor structures.
- 1           6.     The lithographic system of claim 1, wherein the control  
2 signal is a video signal.
- 1           7.     A method of manufacturing an integrated circuit, the method  
2 comprising:

3 providing a pattern of radiation via an LCD or LED assembly;  
4 and  
5 performing a semiconductor fabrication process in  
6 accordance with the pattern of radiation.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
2 providing a second pattern of radiation via the LCD or LED  
3 assembly; and  
4 performing a second semiconductor fabrication process in  
5 accordance with the second pattern of radiation.

1 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the pattern is provided to a  
2 wafer in a step and repeat process.

1 10. The method of claim 7, wherein the pattern is representative  
2 of a metal layer associated with the integrated circuit.

1 11. The method of claim 7, wherein the pattern is representative  
2 of a structure associated with a transistor for the integrated circuit.

1 12. The method of claim 7, wherein a representation of the  
2 pattern is stored electronically.

1 13. The method of claim 7, wherein the integrated circuit is an  
2 ASIC.

1 14. The method of claim 7, wherein the pattern is provided via  
2 the LCD assembly.

1 15. A pattern generator for an integrated circuit fabrication  
2 system, the pattern generator comprising:

3 means for providing a pattern of light; and  
4 means for controlling the means for providing, wherein the  
5 means for controlling selects the pattern.

1 16. The pattern generator of claim 15, further comprising:  
2 means for providing a light through the means for providing a  
3 pattern.

1 17. The pattern generator of claim 16, further comprising:  
2 means for focusing the light on a wafer.

1 18. The pattern generator of claim 15, further comprising:  
2 means for storing elements, wherein the means for  
3 controlling creates a control signal representative of the pattern in  
4 response to the elements.

1 19. The pattern generator of claim 15, wherein the means for  
2 controlling includes a workstation executing a software program.

1 20. The pattern generator of claim 19, wherein the means for  
2 providing a pattern includes liquid crystals.